

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 14, 22, 25, and 28 are amended. Claims 15-19 are cancelled. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently amended). An animal feed additive comprising

(a) at least one acid-stable protease ~~that has an~~ which comprises the amino acid sequence of that has an identity of at least 70% to SEQ ID NO: 1; and

(b) one or more of fat-soluble vitamins, water-soluble vitamins, and/or trace minerals, ~~and/or macro-minerals~~.

Claims 15-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously amended). The animal feed additive of claim 14, which further comprises galactanase, beta-glucanase, phytase, and/or xylanase.

Claim 22 (Currently amended). An animal feed composition, comprising a crude protein content of 50-800 g/kg and at least one acid-stable protease ~~that has an~~ which comprises the amino acid sequence of that has an identity of at least 70% to SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 23 (Previously added). The animal feed composition of claim 22, wherein the amount of the protease is 0.01-200 mg protease protein per kg feed.

Claim 24 (Previously added). The animal feed composition of claim 22, wherein the protease has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 25 (Currently amended). A method for improving the nutritional value of an animal feed, comprising adding ~~an animal feed composition of claim 22~~ to the animal feed at least one acid-

Claim 26 (Previously added). The method of claim 25, wherein the dosage of the protease is 0.01-200 mg protease enzyme protein per kg animal feed.

Claim 27 (Previously added). The method of claim 25, wherein the protease has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 28 (Currently amended). A method for improving the nutritional value of a vegetable protein, comprising adding at least one acid-stable protease to the vegetable protein or protein source, wherein the protease ~~has an amino acid sequence that has an identity of at least 70% to~~ comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 29 (Previously added). The method of claim 28, wherein the vegetable protein source comprises soybean.

Claim 30 (Previously added). The method of claim 28, wherein the protease has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.